Bangalore in 1986 and (ii) 7-years 14 per cent Secured Redeemable National Thermal Power Corporation Bonds, 1st series, as assets to be covered by the provisions of clause (xvi) of sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957, under sub-section (4) of section 46 of the Wealth Tax Act, 1957. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2874/86]

V. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-Tax Act, 1961:—

(i) S.O. No. 412(E), dated the 9th July, 1986, publishing the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1986.

(ii) S.O. No. 413(E), dated the 9th July, 1986, publishing the Income-tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2754/86 for (i) and (ii)]

(i) Statement No. XVI

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2757/86]

(ii) Statement No. XVII

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2758/86]

(iii) Statement No. XVII

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2759/86]

(iv) Statement No. XVI

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2760/86]

(v) Statement No. XV

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2761/86]

(vi) Statement No. XIV

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2762/86]

(vii) Statement No. XIII

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2763/86]

(viii) Statement No. IX

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT No. 2764/86]

**Notification of Ministry of Commerce**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 33 of the Cardamom Act, 1965, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce Notification G.S.R. No. 2111, dated the 31st May, 1986, publishing the Cardamom (Amendment) Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2738/86]

**STATEMENTS SHOWING THE ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT ON VARIOUS ASSURANCES, PROMISES AND UNDERTAKINGS GIVEN DURING VARIOUS SESSIONS**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SITARAM KESARI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following statements (in English and Hindi) showing the action taken by Government on various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Session shown against each:

Hundred Twenty-second Session, 1982.

Hundred Twenty-third Session, 1982.

Hundred Twenty-fifth Session, 1983.

Hundred Twenty-eighth Session, 1983.

Hundred Twenty-ninth Session, 1984.

Hundred Thirtieth Session, 1984.

Hundred Thirty-first Session, 1984.

Hundred Thirty-third Session, 1985.

(ix) Statement No. VII — Hundred Thirty-fourth Session, 1985.

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(x) Statement No. VI — Hundred Thirty-fifth Session, 1985.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2766/86]

(xi) Statement No. IV — Hundred Thirty-sixth Session, 1985.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2767/86]

(xii) Statement No. II — Hundred Thirty-seventh Session, 1986.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2768/86]

(xiii) Statement No. 1 — Hundred Thirty-eighth Session, 1986.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2769/86]

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, I have sought your permission for making a submission...

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): Sir I have a point of order with regard to the Papers Laid on the Table...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right; Mr. Advani, let me first listen to his point of order.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: I had raised this point more than twice in this House that when papers are laid on the Table as per the directions of your predecessor, Shri Hidayatullah, the subject matter of the paper should be mentioned in two lines. Now I find from the papers laid by Shri Gadhvi that nothing is mentioned in regard to Item I(1) (i) GSR notification dated 12th May 1986, again in regard to Item I(1)(iv) dated 21st May, 1986, and again in regard to I(1) (vi) dated 26th May 1986. No idea is given as to what these papers are about. You have also been pleased to say the other day that they should mention in two lines what the subject matter is. Therefore, I would request you kindly to direct the Government...

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is noted. Here after there will be a small mention of the subject about which a notification is laid—saying notification so-and-so relating to so-and-so.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Thank you very much.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Advani.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Mr. Chairman, I have seen in the Parliamentary Papers a Home Ministry Notification dated 15th May 1986 which reads as follows:

"In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (5) of Section 3, of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 the Central Government being satisfied that it is not expedient in the interests of the security of the State and in the public interest to lay before the House of the People reports submitted to that Government on the 19th November 1985 and 27th February 1986 by Justice M. P. Thakkar, a Sitting Judge of the Supreme Court of India, appointed under the Notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 20th November 1984, hereby notifies

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that the said reports shall not be laid before the House of the People."

—"the House of the People", I emphasise these words. So, under this notification it is only the Lok Sabha that may be denied the Thakkar Commission reports. I do not know the rationale for this kind of indulgence by the Government. But I am very happy that Rajya Sabha at least is under no such embargo and therefore, through you, I would request the Government of India to place these very important Commission of Inquiry Reports of the Thakkar Commission before Rajya Sabha.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The notification is in conformity with the Act and the Section. The Commissions of Inquiry Act provides under Section 3(4) that the appropriate Government shall cause to be laid before the House of the People or, as the case may be, the Legislative Assembly of the State, the report, if any, of the Commission. Therefore, the only place where the report can be placed is the House of the People and the Legislative Assembly and it cannot be placed under this Section in Rajya Sabha unless it is placed in the other House. Therefore, there is no point of order....

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: When I raised this point, I was aware that statutorily the Government is obliged only to place it in the other House, in the House of the People. The amendment of the statute also refers only to the House of the People. But then we have conventions which are not governed by Lok Sabha. In Lok Sabha no questions can be asked after a Minister makes a statement. But in this House the convention is that we ask questions in spite of objections. So far as the Chairman of this House is concerned, he has always upheld the conventions of this House. Now, as I said, it is the convention of this House to secure from the Government all reports of Commissions of Inquiry. Even though there was no statutory obligation, these reports were always placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha. I see no reason why the Thakkar Commission's Report should be denied to us, unless the Government feels guilty about what is contained in the Thakkar Commission Report. (*Interruptions*) I only want that the conventions of this House must be upheld.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There are two aspects. (*Interruptions*). All of you please resume your seats. There are two aspects. One is a point of order. It is about the statutory requirement and whether it has been complied with or not. I have read out the relevant section and have said that the Report shall be laid only in the House of the People. Therefore, there is no breach of any regulation or rule or Act.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I said "Convention".

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no convention. The second aspect is the request. It is not a convention and there is no such convention. The request is noted here by the Minister and he will decide.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, what about the request?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has noted the request.

## CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

**The situation arising out of non-implementation of the Punjab Accord, the Terrorist Activities in complicity with Foreign Powers, the Migration of people from that State and the steps taken by Government to meet the situation**

*SHRI LAL K. ADVANI* (Madhya Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I rise to call the attention of the Minister of Home Affairs to the situation arising